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## Church News

### THE DECEMBER COLLECTION.

The General Assembly designates the month of December as the time for taking a collection to support our missionary work among the colored people. The committee at Tuscaloosa is doing a fine work, which might be enlarged indefinitely, if they had the necessary funds. The Assembly asks that a sum equal to 25c per member be sent in from each church. Remit to John Little, Treasurer, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

### PHYSICIAN ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

A letter from Rev. S. I. Woodbridge, D. D. of Shanghai, China, of Nov. 8, brings us the sad intelligence of the death of Dr. David T. Stuart, M. D. Dr. Woodbridge says, "The accompanying notice prepared by ourselves and printed in this morning's North China News will give you the essential story." The following is the notice referred to.

J. O. Reavis, Secretary.

"We regret to announce that a telegram was received soon after midnight on Saturday, from Soochow, stating that Dr. David T. Stuart had accidentally shot and killed himself late that day. It appears that after an unusually hard day's work attending patients in the Elizabeth Blake Hospital, of which he and Dr. J. R. Wilkinson were surgeons in charge, he took a stroll in the country with his gun. When Dr. Stuart did not return home, Dr. Wilkinson became anxious and instituted a search with the result that Dr. Stuart was discovered about half-a-mile from the hospital lying face downward with the gun close by. An examination showed that he had received a full charge of shot in his left side which had penetrated his heart, killing him instantly. He had been dead two or three hours. Dr. Stuart was connected with the American Presbyterian Mission (South), of

which mission his parents, the Rev. Dr. J. L. and Mrs. Stuart, of Hangchow, have ben honored members for nearly forty years. A telegram was sent at once to inform them of the sad occurrence. They left Hangchow early yesterday morning and arrived in Soochow last night. Two brothers of the deceased, both of whom are missionaries, accompanied their parents. The sincere sympathy of their many friends throughout China, as well as at home will be extended to the members of the bereaved family."

### ALABAMA.

Sheffield: The Sheffield Church has called Rev. F. E. Rogers, of Birmingham, who has the matter under consideration.

Florence: The First Church is building an addition to its house of worship, to provide for the Sunday school and social departments of its vigorous work. The church has prospered under the ministry of Dr. E. D. McDougall.

Birmingham: All of the Presbyterian churches and ministers of Birmingham, have extended to Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, Assembly's Secretary of Evangelist Work, a very cordial and earnest invitation to hold a union meeting here, beginning April 3, continuing 18th, 1910. We are praying for great things from God and expecting them.

V. P. Merrell.

### ARKANSAS.

Arkansas College: Rev. J. E. Latham, of Missouri, has accepted a call to become the soliciting agent of the Arkansas College, located at Batesville. This institution has done a great work for the church and its prosperity and future success means much to our Zion.

Batesville: The old church at this place, which has been used for more than sixty years is at last to be superseded by a new one. The unanimity of the congregation and the splendid response to the efforts of the soliciting committee assures a good success in this movement. If no unforeseen difficulty arises, the congregation will be worshipping in a handsome, modern, but modest structure by the fall of 1910. Let the good work go on.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington: On Monday, Nov. 22, the pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Rev. James H. Taylor, gave an illustrated lecture on Labrador. These were pictures taken on a recent visit to the coast of Labrador when he was the guest of Dr. Grenfell. The lectures will be given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. at an early date in this city. The pastor will be glad to communicate with any that are interested in work on the Labrador coast. During the recent Laymen's Convention Dr. Grenfell was the guest of the pastor and spoke at the morning service at the Central church. Through the courtesy of the executive committee of the Laymen's Convention the Southern Presbyterians were given the largest proportionate representation in the convention.

### MARYLAND.

Rehoboth: A two weeks' meeting held by the pastor, Dr. L. P. Bowen, in the old Rehoboth Church, Maryland, has just closed (November 28) with fifteen additions and a wholesome continued interest. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the spirit of inquiry among the young men—ten of these brought in and others likely to follow. This indicates a future for the Mother Church. Three members had been added just before the meeting.

### GEORGIA.

Atlanta: A beautiful baptismal font has been presented to the North Avenue Presbyterian Church, by Mrs. J. M. High. The font is a reproduction of "Pliny's Doves," the famous work of art which is to be seen in the museum at Rome, and was brought by Mrs. High during a recent trip abroad.

Westminster: Thanksgiving service was held in this church. A large congregation was present. The children brought packages of eatables for the Thornwell Orphanage, forming in line in the aisle and bringing them up to the pulpit. The contribution in money amounted to about \$50. The Sunday school has grown so that it is necessary to build a chapel. Plans have been drawn for a building on the lot next to the church, providing for Baraca, Philatheas and Beginners' classes, seating at least 250. The rooms can be used as a Ladies' parlor for society purposes.

At Macon the friends of the Gospel recently started a movement to raise \$40,000 for a new building for the Y. M. C. A. Already \$55,000 has been subscribed, and there are prospects of twenty thousand dollars more.

Fort Valley: Dr. J. W. Roseborough, who is for the present the evangelist of Macon Presbytery, recently conducted a series of meetings in the Presbyterian church of Fort Valley, which were productive of good results. Our membership received great benefit from the meeting. Evidently many of our people were much built up, and confirmed in the faith. There was a refreshing visitation from the Lord. This part of the kingdom has received a strong impetus, and the people feel impelled to do greater and better things. Another result was the reception of fifteen members, some on certificate, and some on profession of their faith in Christ. Our Presbytery has made no mistake in securing Dr. Roseborough to serve as our evangelist, and we hope that his work in this Presbytery may be greatly prospered and long continued. Some repairs and enlargement of the church building have been undertaken.

W. O. S.

Barnesville: The Rev. James P. Smith, Jr., was installed pastor of the Barnesville Church on Wednesday evening, December 1. Rev. Walter L. Lingle, presided, preached the sermon, and propounded the constitutional questions. Rev. Lynn R. Walker, delivered the charge to the pastor and Rev. W. A. Murray, the charge to the people. The installation prayer was made by Mr. Smith's father, the Rev. Dr. James P. Smith, of Rich-